

IN RECOGNITION OF LAWRENCE J. HACKETT

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of a beloved husband, father, friend, and patriot—SGT Lawrence J. Hackett, Jr. who passed away in 2006 at the age of 58.

Larry was born on December 12, 1947, in Syracuse, New York. After graduation from Thomas J. Corcoran High School in 1967, he was drafted into the United States Army and assigned to the First Air Cavalry Division in South Vietnam.

After being discharged from the Army, Larry received his associate of arts degree from Onondaga Community College and went on to serve as a manufacturer's representative for companies throughout central New York and the entire Northeast. Larry was chairman of the 11th Ward Democratic Committee and also served as a manager on numerous political campaigns.

In 1999, Larry was diagnosed with Myxoid Sarcoma of the Omentum, a cancer that most likely resulted from ingesting dioxins released from Agent Orange during his wartime service in Vietnam. He died 7 years later.

In addition to being a proud member of the United States Army, Larry was a loving husband to wife Alice and doting father to daughter Amanda.

On April 21, 2008, Larry's service to his country will be honored by the Vietnam Memorial Committee as part of their In Memory program. A ceremony will take place at the Vietnam Wall where Larry's name will be added to the In Memory Honor Roll Book and a certificate honoring him, as well as some of his personal items, will be placed in the National Park Service's permanent archive. These honors will serve as a lasting reminder of the sacrifices Larry made on behalf of his country.

On behalf of the people of the 25th District of New York, I congratulate Lawrence Hackett, Jr., and his family for this well deserved honor and thank him posthumously for his dedicated service to his country and community.

**INTRODUCTION OF MEDICARE HOME HEALTH FLEXIBILITY ACT OF 2008**

**HON. JOHN LEWIS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Medicare Home Health Flexibility Act of 2008. This bill would allow home health agencies the flexibility to use the most appropriate skilled rehabilitation professionals to open cases and to conduct the initial assessment for Medicare home health beneficiaries who do not require skilled nursing care.

Currently, occupational therapists cannot conduct the initial assessments for Medicare home health cases even when occupational therapy is included in the physician's order along with one of the other qualifying services,

like speech therapy and physical therapy. Under current law, home health agencies are not able to fully utilize all of their professional staff for Medicare rehabilitation clients, which can cause delays in beginning medically necessary care.

The Medicare Home Health Flexibility Act is actively supported by the American Occupational Therapy Association and the National Association of Home Care and Hospice.

I am proud to introduce this important legislation. I look forward to working with my colleagues to enact this legislation so that home health agencies can better manage their staff and better meet the needs of Medicare patients.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING KRISTI YODER FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Kristi Yoder showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and Whereas, Kristi Yoder was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Kristi Yoder always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Kristi Yoder on winning the Girls' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

**KANDY ARELLANO-TRETO**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kandy Arellano-Treto who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kandy Arellano-Treto is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kandy Arellano-Treto is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Kandy Arellano-Treto for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her high school career to her college career and future accomplishments.

**A TRIBUTE TO BAFFORD HOPE HARRISON**

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Bafford Hope Harrison, recently elected and installed as Grand Master of the Masons in Maryland. Born in Talbot County, Maryland, he graduated from Hurlock High School in Dorchester County in 1942. It was there he met his wife, Willa Catherine Jaynes Harrison. They have two daughters and a son, Jerry Hope Harrison, who is following in his father's footsteps as a member of Granite Lodge #177.

During World War 11, B. Hope Harrison served in the United States Navy on a radar/sonar training ship until his honorable discharge in 1946. At age 24, after becoming an operative mason, he started his own masonry contracting business in St. Michaels, Maryland. Over the next few years, B. Hope Harrison expanded his business to general construction on residential and light industrial projects as well as development. He spent the next 40 years in construction and real estate.

The long hours and pressures of his ever-expanding business were such that he did not petition his masonry lodge until the age of 39. Since that time, he has dedicated himself to the fraternity, holding such respected titles as Worshipful Master of Granite Lodge #177, Worthy Patron of St. Michaels Chapter, W. Grand Standard Bearer, and Senior Grand Warden, and he has maintained active membership in both the York and Scottish Rite bodies while serving on the Board of Trustees since 1978.

In addition to his Masonic service he has served the Methodist Church in almost every capacity from Sunday School Superintendent to Church Lay Leader, a position he still occupies. Active in his community, he has served Talbot County and the town of St. Michaels through membership on several boards and commissions.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Grand Master Harrison. His legacy as a committed and active member of his community, church, and the Masons in Maryland ensure that he will be remembered for the consistent, dedicated service he has provided. It is with great pride that I congratulate Grand Master B. Hope Harrison on his achievement and volunteer service to the State of Maryland.

**HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF SISTER MAURA BRANNICK OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

**HON. JOE DONNELLY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Sister Maura Brannick, a sister of the Congregation of the Holy Cross who has dedicated her life to the poor and disadvantaged members of the South Bend Community. After nearly 55